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ABSTRACT

The Child Care and Development Fund Program (CCDF) brings together four Federal Child Care Subsidy programs and allows states to design a comprehensive, integrated service delivery system to meet the needs of low-income working families. This fund assists low-income families and those transitioning off welfare to obtain child care so that they can work or attend training or education. Using data compiled from information received from Arkansas CCDF sites, this report provides statistical information on the children served and their households during fiscal year 1997-98. Statistics are presented in graphs and charts for student totals by county of residence and by program type, age, female-male ratio, race, household income, disabilities, percentage parent pays, eligibility categories, and student total by site. Eligible children are those under age 13 (or up to age 19, if disabled), who reside with a family whose income does not exceed 85% of the State median income for a family of the same size, and reside with a parent who is working or attending a job-training or educational program, or are receiving protective services. A total of 3,215 children were served as reported from the CCDF sites, an increase of 171% from the 1996-97 fiscal year. (JPB)

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Introduction

The Child Care and Development Fund Program (CCDF) was authorized by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-193. It brings together four Federal Child Care Subsidy programs and allows states to design a comprehensive, integrated service delivery system to meet the needs of low-income working families. Three programs, AFDC/JOBS Child Care, Transitional Child Care, and At-Risk of Welfare Dependency Child Care (formerly called Title IV-A Child Care), were repealed and all child care funding combined under the former Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program. The CCDBG regulations applied to the combined Child Care and Development Fund when they corresponded with the statute. This fund assists low-income families and those transitioning off welfare to obtain child care so that they can work or attend training or education. Additionally, the Child Care and Development Fund sets aside a minimum of four percent of federal and state funds to improve the quality and availability of healthy and safe child care for all families.

The program objectives are: (1) to allow each state maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and parents within each state, (2) to promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions on the child care that best suits their family's needs, (3) to encourage states to provide consumer education information to help parents make informed choices about child care, (4) to assist states in providing child care to parents who are trying to achieve independence from public assistance, and (5) to assist states in implementing the health, safety, licensing, and registration standards established in state regulations.

Eligible children are those under age 13 (or up to age 19, if disabled), who reside with a family whose income does not exceed 85% of the state median income for a family of the same size, and reside with a parent or parents who are working or attending a job-training or educational program, or are in need of, or are receiving protective services. Priority is given to service children in very low-income families and children with special needs.

The data are compiled from information received from the CCDF sites. This statistical report provides information on the children served and their households during fiscal year 1997-98.

A total of 3,215 children were served as reported from the CCDF sites compared to 1,187 served by the CCDBG last year. This is an increase of 171%, or 2,028, from fiscal year 1996-97. Sites participating in this program increased during 1997-98 to 106 compared to 43 last year. Most of the students were served in nonprofit centers, 38.6%, and most were served in Pulaski County, 21.3%. Other counties immediately following Pulaski County in service were Clark, 5.9%; Washington, 5.5%; Sebastian, 5.2%; and Jefferson, 4.5%. Eighty-three percent of the children were scheduled for six or more hours of care.

Most of the children were in single-parent households, 80.0%, and the heads of households were 88.8% female. Of the single-parent households, only 4.6% reported receiving child support, and only 9.0% reported receiving Temporary Employment Assistance. Seventeen percent of all households were in HUD housing and 45% were receiving food stamps. Other significant data are reported in the tables and charts that follow.

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Student Total By County of Residence

Total Students 3,215

Arkansas	65
Baxter	3
Benton	50
Boone	2
Bradley	75
Calhoun	3
Chicot	130
Clark	187
Cleburne	3
Cleveland	6
Columbia	24
Conway	40
Craighead	13
Crawford	82
Crittenden	123
Cross	6
Dallas	69
Dallas-Calhoun County Line	2
Desha	13
Drew	3
Faulkner	39
Franklin	2
Garland	72
Grant	13
Greene	67
Hempstead	17
Hot Spring	28
Howard	4
Independence	87
Izard	9
Jackson	2
Jefferson	139
Johnson	14
Lawrence	2
Logan	42
Lonoke	5
Madison	5
Marion	22
Miller	46
Mississippi	95
Monroe	28
Montgomery	6
Nevada	16
Newton	74
Ouachita	110
Perry	1
Phillips	22
Poinsett	49
Polk	11
Pope	4
Pulaski	680
Randolph	23
Saline	51
Scott	10
Searcy	12
Sebastian	168
St. Francis	40
Stone	21
Union	8
Van Buren	20
Washington	173
White	67
Yell	8
Unreported	4

Student Total By Program Type

Total Students	3,215

Church Sponsored Center	4
Community Based	258
Day Care Family Home	33
For-profit Center	45
Head Start	685
Nonprofit Center	1,240
Operated by Coop	43
Operated by University	289
School Based	618

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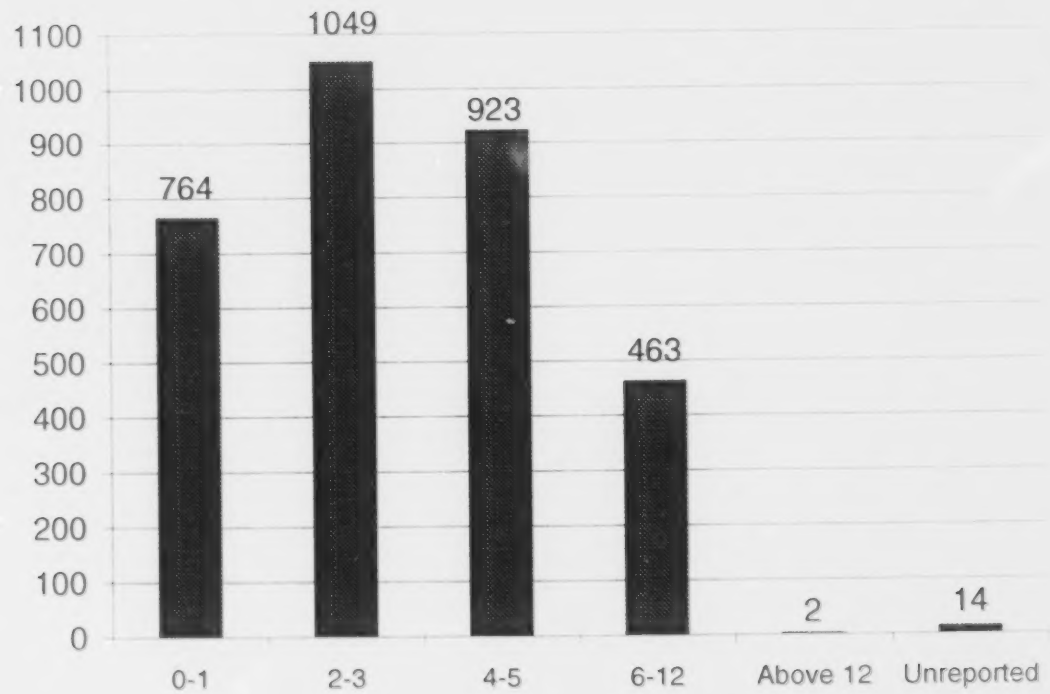
Age

Total Students 3,215



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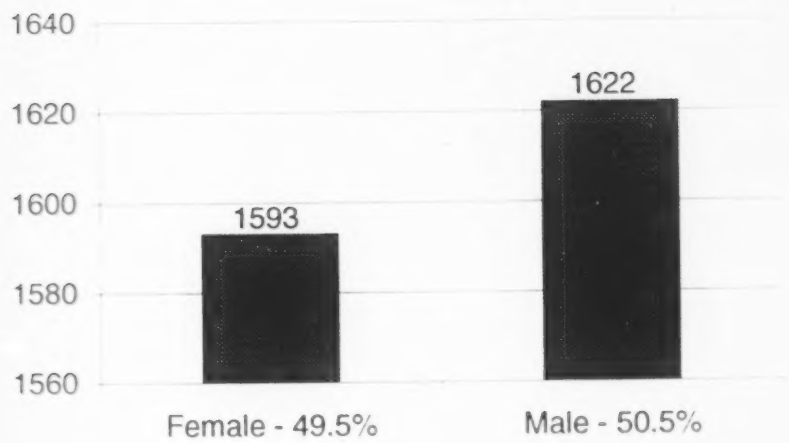
Female-Male Ratio

Total Students 3,215



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Race

Total Students 3,215

Asian	8
Black	1,887
Hispanic	45
Multiracial	59
Native American	9
White	1,193
Other	6
Unreported	8

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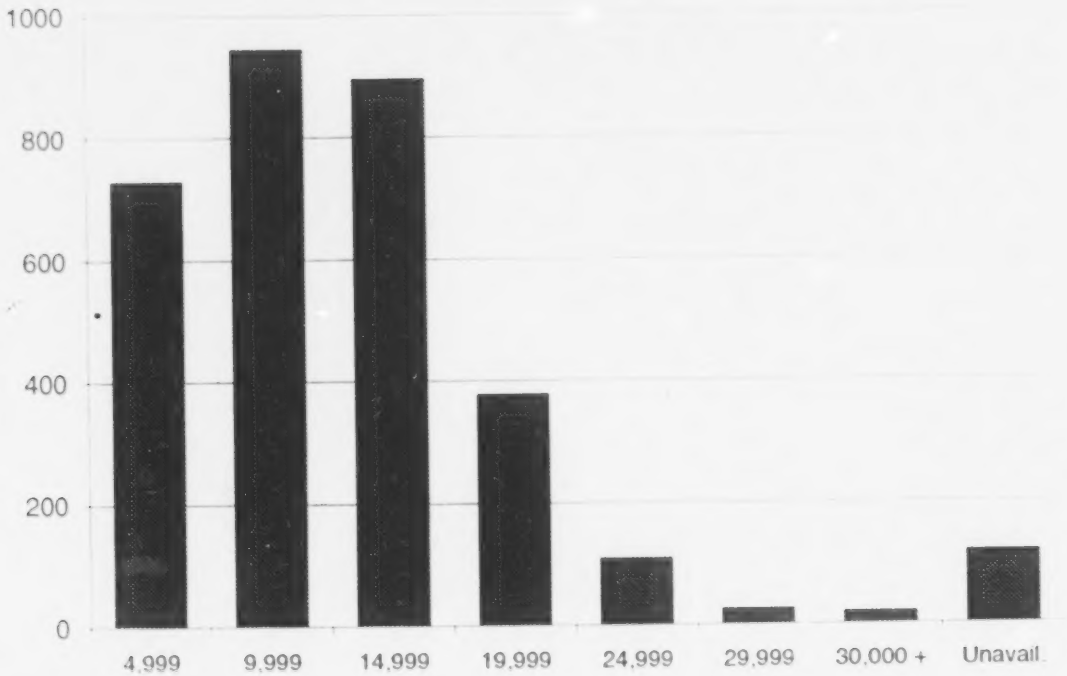
Household Income

Total Students 3,215



$0	-	$4,999	728
$5,000	-	$9,999	944
$10,000	-	$14,999	896
$15,000	-	$19,999	378
$20,000	-	$24,999	108
$25,000	-	$29,999	25
$30,000 and above			19
Unavailable			117

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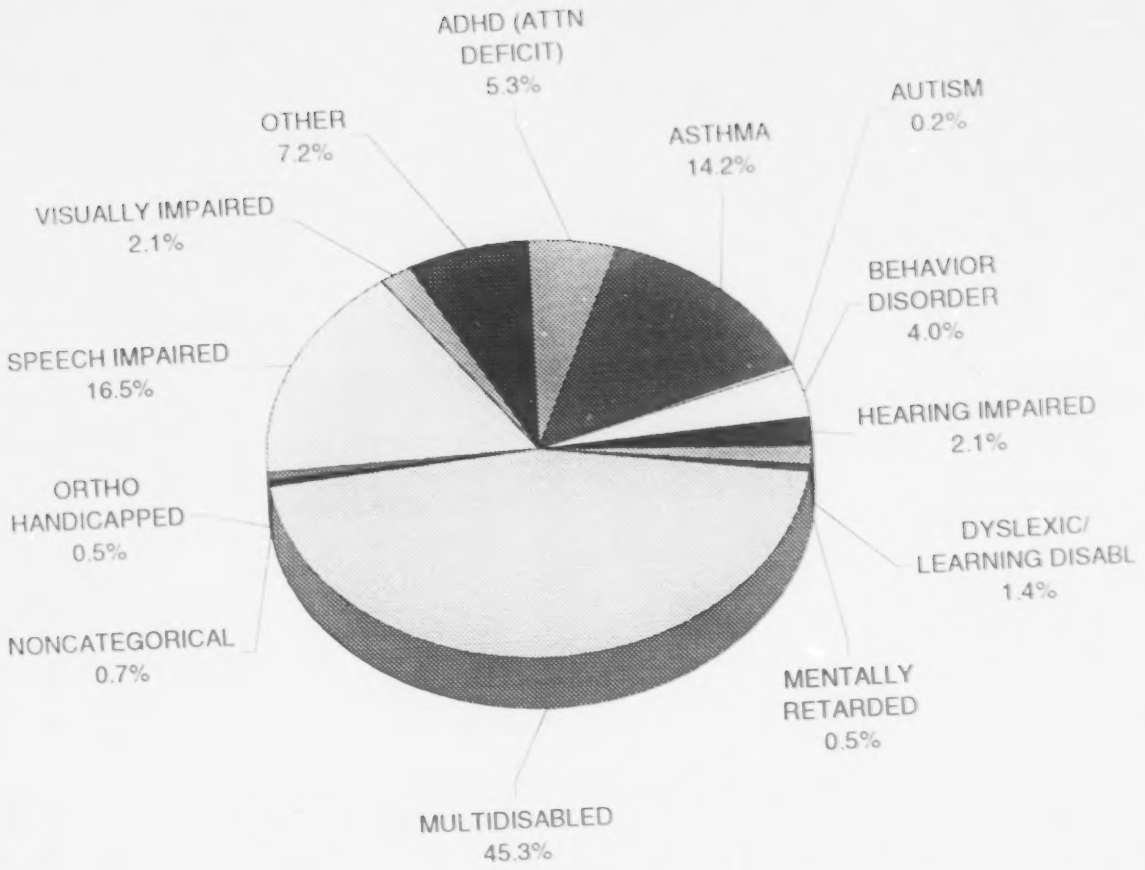
Disabilities

Total Students 3,215



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Note: Percentages are based on total disabilities reported (not children). A child may have more than one disability.

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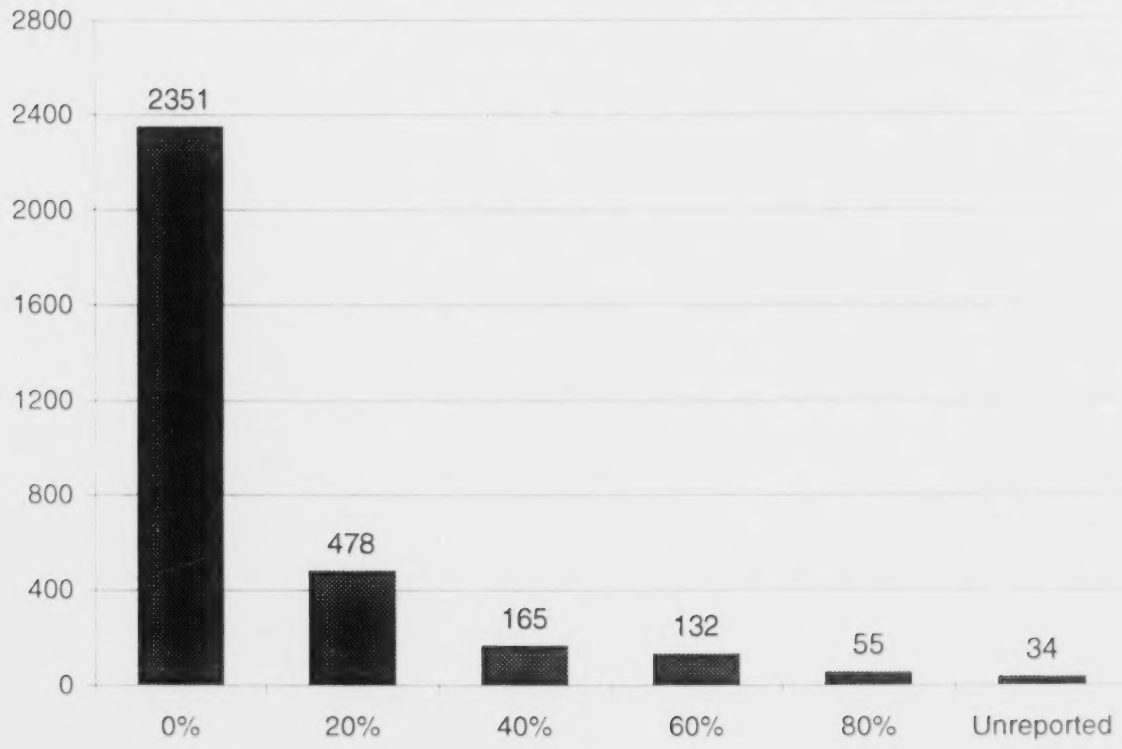
Percentage Parent Pays

Total Students 3,215



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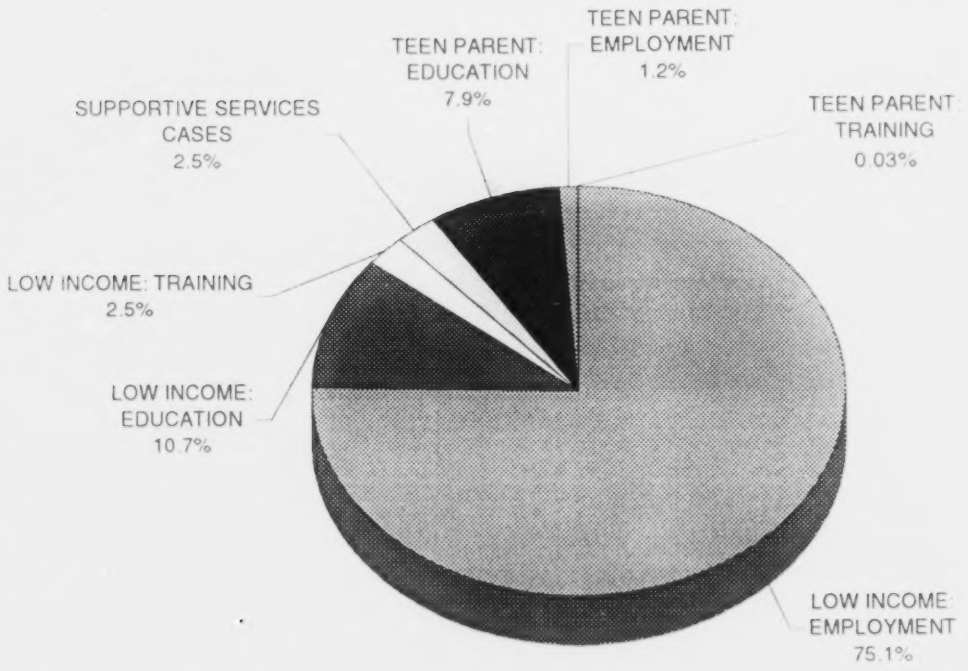
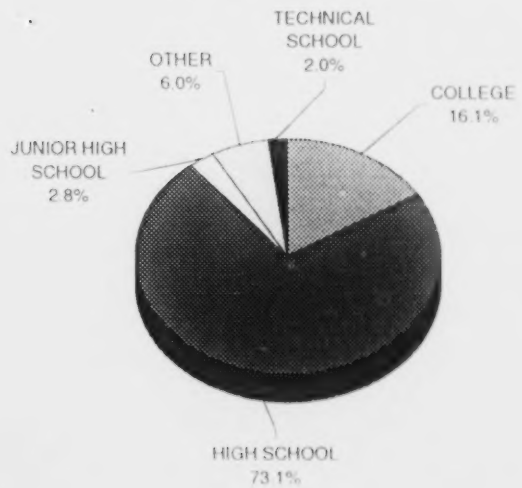
Eligibility Categories

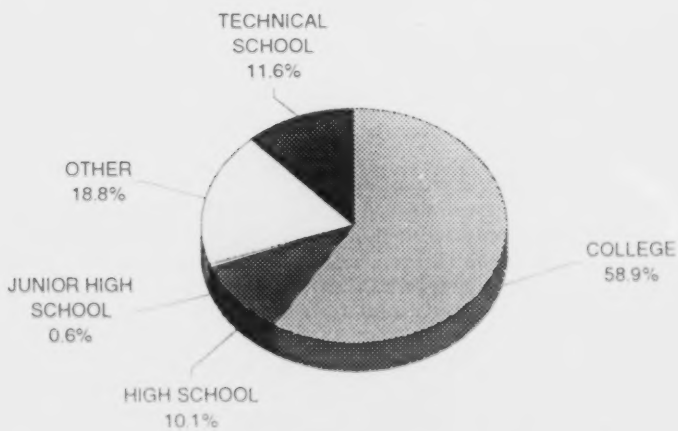
Total Students 3,215


TEEN PARENT: EMPLOYMENT 1.2%
TEEN PARENT: EDUCATION 7.9%
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES CASES 2.5%
TEEN PARENT: TRAINING 0.03%
LOW INCOME: TRAINING 2.5%
LOW INCOME: EDUCATION 10.7%
LOW INCOME: EMPLOYMENT 75.1%

Teen Parent: Education Level Currently Being Completed



Low Income: Education Level Currently Being Completed



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Student Total By Site

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Site Number		Number of Children
001	Altheimer-Wabbaseka Learning Center	20
002	ASU I/T Centers	36 *
003	Bald Knob Sch/Birth To Basics	16
004	Bentonville Public Schools/Building Bridges	47
005	Bethel Learning Academy	29
006	Central Arkansas Development Council	73
007	Chapel Care/Mayflower	16
008	Child Development, Inc	52
009	University Affiliated Program of Arkansas	61 *
010	City of Twin Groves	7
011	Earle School District	48
012	Eastwood Gardens DC/Hot Springs Hous Authority	34
013	Esther's Quality Child Care Center	*None Reported*
014	Exemplary Child Learning Center	40 *
015	Family Success Project	76 *
016	Forrest City Schools	13
017	SPICE Fort Smith Public Schools	43 *
018	In His Image I	41 *
019	Springdale School District I/T Daycare	*None Reported*
020	Leola Child Care Center/Grant County-UCRC	13
021	Lincoln Childcare Center, Inc	28
022	Marmaduke School Dist/Little Red Sch House	27 *
023	Magazine Opportunities Program	26
024	Midland Tiny Tot Village	12
025	Mills High Sch I/T Center, Mills Comet Tots	2
026	Mississippi County EOC Specialized CCS	95
027	Mt. Pleasant School District I/T Program	*None Reported*
028	New Horizons Daycare, Inc	12
029	Wee Care Too, Inc	25
030	Ozan-Carver Community Child Care Corp	32
031	Pangburn Public School Dist/Child Care	8
032	AR River Education Coop (PATT)	14
034	Play School DC/IT Program	35
035	Paragould School Dist/School of 21st Century	40 *
036	Shirley School Dist/Shirley School Yard DC	21
037	Smackover School District	12
038	Southside Child Care Program	18
039	St. Augustine Center for Children	29 *
042	UAPB Child Development Center	23
043	Fayetteville Pub Schools/W Campus Child Care	47 *
044	World of Learning Children's Center	46
045	AR Children's Hospital/Kid's First	197 *
046	AR Early Childhood Institute	12 *
047	Fountain Lake Schools/Children First	4
048	Jefferson Sch Child Care Program	37 *
049	Kingston School Dist/Early Child Program	7
050	Lakeside School Dist/Chicot County ECC	45
051	Mid-Delta Comm Serv/N End Head Start	22
053	Newton County Resource Council	74
054	Panther's Cub Club/Plainview-Rover Schools	6
055	Pulaski Tech College/Children First	24
056	Asbury Day Care Center	*None Reported*
057	Camp Beebe Child Care Programs	22
058	Children's Ark-Expansion Program	59
059	Conway Cradle Care	10
060	Cope Head Start Program	373 *
061	Crowley's Ridge Development Council, Inc	21
062	Dermott Special School District	26
063	Dermott Day Service Center	17
064	Early Bird Day Care Center	9
065	EOA of Washington County, Inc./Head Start	79 *
066	In His Image Child Dev. Center III	22 *
067	In His Image Child Dev. Center II	31 *
068	Infant/Toddler Development Program	17
069	Kiddie Kollege Preschool Program	9
070	Kiddie Karousel	32 *
072	OUR Children's Center	*None Reported*
074	Primary Learning Academy & Daycare	13
075	Rising-Hi Child Development Center	39 *
076	Saratoga School District	22
077	St. Francis House, Inc	29
078	Twin City Day Care Center, Inc	14
079	Voc Home Economics Child Development Center	4
080	Waldron Before/After School Program	9
081	Watson Child Care Center	*None Reported*
083	ABC Preschool	*None Reported*
084	Sparkman Learn Center/Infant-Toddler Program	18 *
085	Sparkman New Horizons	8 *
086	Before & After School	29
089	Boys, Girls, Adults Comm. Dev. Center	*None Reported*
090	Bull Shoals United Methodist Church Child Care	3
092	Central AR Dev Council-Mt. Ida Child Care	6
093	Southeast AR Community Action Corp	36 *
094	Child Care "V"	17
095	Paradise Care, Inc	32
097	Community Family Enrichment Center, Inc	27 *
099	Ella Camp	7
101	Family Treatment & Rehab Program	19 *
102	MiChild Enrichment Center (Friendship)	19
103	Greater St. Paul Kiddie Kollege	98
104	Happy Land Child Care Center, Inc	79 *
105	Holman Child Care & Dev Center	69
106	Huggie Bear Academy	18
107	Kiddie Kollege-Van Buren	85 *
108	Kids County After-School Program	8
109	Linden Street Day Care Center	32 *
110	Little People Child Care	13
111	LR School Dist Learning Opp Center Day Care	8 *
113	Oak Grove Child Care Center, Inc	18
115	Peace of Mind Playtime	*None Reported*
116	Pine Bluff School of Child Dev., Inc	8
117	Precious Moments Inc/Kravola Corner	20
118	Rainbow Child Care	10
121	Southwest Ark Child Development Center	15
123	St. Claire Program	9
124	Tiger Cubs Daycare	2

*Denotes students reported at multiple sites